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US 2002/0041438 A1, published April 11, 2002, which is  
the USPTO Publication of related U.S. Patent  
Application Serial No. 09/955,857, filed September 19,  
2001;
2. Copy of related U.S. Patent Application Serial  
No. 10/102,098, filed March 19, 2002, including a copy  
of the official Filing Receipt in said related  
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Disclosure Statement in the present application on December 17, 2001); and

4. Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B listing the particulars thereon.

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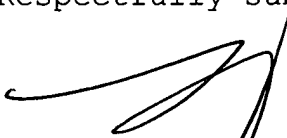
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/091,914 (Publication No. US 2002/031165 A1), filed March 6, 2002, discloses an inverted microscope that shares basic functional units, including an imaging lens for forming an intermediate image of an observation sample and a focusing means for bringing the observation sample into focus. Additional units are combined with the basic functional units on the basis of the purpose for which the inverted microscope is used. With this structure, it is possible to reduce the manufacturing costs required for providing different types of microscopes and to flexibly cope with a variety of purposes.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/102,098, filed March 19, 2002, discloses an inverted microscope comprising an objective lens disposed under a sample, and a tube lens which is disposed in a light path of an observation light emitted from the objective lens and which forms the observation light into an image. An incident light illumination optical device is disposed between the objective lens and the tube lens, and introduces

or introduces the light flux into the light path of the observation light.

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